REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11, and 12 are pending. Claim 11 has been amended. Claims 10 and 13-18 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced.

In the February 6, 2006 Final Office Action the Examiner allowed claims 2-9. The Examiner also objected to claims 11 and 12 as depending from a rejected base claim, but stated they would be allowable is rewritten in independent form, incorporating all limitations of the rejected base claim and any other intervening claims. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, per the Examiner's request. Claim 12 depends directly from rewritten claim 11. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 11 and 12 are allowable.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Chicago telephone number (312) 577-7000 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

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